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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

Jesse D. Bright was born on December 18, 1812, in Norwich, New York. His family moved to Kentucky in 1819, and then Madison, Indiana, in 1820. He was admitted to the bar in 1831 and began practicing in Madison. He married Mary E. Turpin (ca. 1840) with whom he had two children. Bright held several public offices including judge of the Jefferson County probate court (elected 1834); United States marshal for the district of Indiana (1840-1841); State Senator (1841-1843); Indiana Lieutenant Governor (1843-1845); United States Senator (1845-1862). He was expelled from the Senate in 1863 when he acknowledged Jefferson Davis as President of the Confederate States. Bright ran for his seat again, but failed to win reelection. In 1863, he moved to Kentucky where he served in the Kentucky House of Representatives in 1866. Bright was president of the Raymond City Coal Company from 1871 to 1875. He moved to Baltimore, Maryland, in 1874, and died there on May 20, 1875.

Sources: Shepherd, Rebecca A., Charles W. Calhoun, Elizabeth Shanahan-Shoemaker, and Alan F. January, comp. *A Biographical Directory of the Indiana General Assembly, Volume 1, 1816-1899*. Indianapolis: The Select Committee on the Centennial History of the Indiana General Assembly, 1980.

Biographical Dictionary of the United States Congress. United States Congress. Retrieved Nov. 2005. <http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=B000835>

Scope and Contents

This collection includes an original autographed, signed letter and three photostats of autographed, signed letters from Jesse D. Bright in Washington, D.C. and Madison, Indiana ranging from 1847 to 1856 regarding family matters.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Jefferson County (Ind.)
- Washington D.C.

Subject(s)

- Correspondence
- Family